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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Oral Ex Parte Presentations in the Proceeding Captioned:

In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link Up; WC Docket Nos. 03-19 and 11-42; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Staff of the Federal Communications Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) conducted a conference call to discuss certain state specific issues related to the Lifeline and Link Up program. On June 22, 2011, PUCT staff Jess Totten, Jay Stone and Liz Kayser, participated on a conference call with FCC representatives Cindy Spiers, Jonathan Lechter, Graham Dufault, and Kim Scardino.

The issues discussed on the conference call included:

- the matching and automatic enrollment processes in Texas for the Lifeline and Link Up program;
- specific state statues that require certificated providers to provide Lifeline service to its customers;
- · costs of the matching and enrollment processes used in Texas; and
- implementation of the screening process by Solix, the Texas Low Income Discount Administrator, to eliminate duplicate Lifeline subscriptions for the same customer.

If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 512-936-7390 or liz.kayser@puc.state.tx.us.

Respectfully submitted,

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